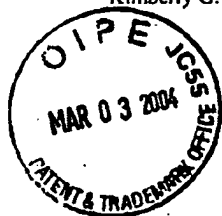


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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, in connection with the above-referenced application. Applicants intend this paper to be fully responsive to that Office Action, and respectfully request entry of the following amendments and favorable consideration of the pending claims.

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